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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Student Facing Charges After Found with Gun at School

(U) A West High School student is facing charges after being found in possession of a gun at school, according to Kern High School District. The student was arrested on 2 December by KHSD police. Police found no indication the student intended to use the firearm at school. Information on who owns the weapon was not immediately available.

SOURCE: 3 December 2021, [KGET.com](https://www.kget.com)

(U) Burlingame – Primary Defendant in Retail Theft Ring Sentenced

(U) The State Attorney General announced the final and primary defendant in a massive scheme to steal over-the-counter drugs in San Mateo County and sell them overseas, had been sentenced, fully breaking up what authorities say is one of the largest organized retail theft rings in California history. The San Mateo County theft ring, which a criminal complaint states took place between August 2019 and September 2020, five people were charged with offenses spanning conspiracy, organized retail theft, possession stolen property, and charging enhancements for aggravated white-collar crime.

SOURCE: 4 December 2021, [The Mercury News](https://www.mercurynews.com)

(U) Sacramento – Fentanyl Driving Uptick in Deaths During Overdose Epidemic

(U) A report released by the UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy found that nearly 1,500 people, the vast majority believed to be homeless, died on the streets of Los Angeles during the pandemic, 40% because of a drug or alcohol overdose. The staggering number is almost certainly an undercount, experts say. San Francisco leaders were admonished for their response to the drug epidemic that killed 712 city residents in 2020, nearly triple the amount of people who lost their lives to COVID-19. This news comes about two-weeks after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that more than 100,000 Americans, including about 10,000 in California, died of drug overdoses during the year-long period that ended April 2021. That's a record high and a nearly 29% increase from the year before. Almost 64% of deaths were caused by the synthetic opioid fentanyl.

SOURCE: 6 December 2021, [The Mercury News](https://www.mercurynews.com)

(U) Mission Viejo – California Woman Charged for Her Participation in US Capitol Riot

(U) Prosecutors filed charges against a Mission Viejo woman who admitted entering the US Capitol when it was stormed by a mob seeking to overturn the 2020 presidential election, but who claimed that police "welcomed" her in. Investigators used cell phone tower data to identify Danean MacAndrew as one of hundreds of people present at the insurrection in Washington DC on 6 January. They then compared videos she posted to social media with surveillance footage recorded during the riot to confirm she was there. A warrant was issued for MacAndrew's arrest in November, and she was taken into custody on 1 December. She has been charged with entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct and parading in the Capitol.

SOURCE: 6 December 2021, [The Mercury News](https://www.mercurynews.com)

(U) Oakland – Gun Violence in Oakland Increases for Two Consecutive Years

(U) On 28 November Oakland recorded its 118th homicide this year, a 22% increase over the same period last year, and the second year of a shocking reversal to a near-decade's worth of declines to the city's murder rate. With a month still left in the year, Oakland's death toll from homicide has already eclipsed every year since 2012. Oakland is far from isolated in this crisis. Nearly every major US city has seen large surges in homicides since the pandemic, an increase that's continued this year.

SOURCE: 3 December 2021, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US CBP Seizes \$30 Million Shipment of Counterfeit Handbags and Clothing

(U) Los Angeles – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers have seized a container filled with more than \$30 million worth of fake designer bags and clothing at the Port of Los Angeles ahead of the holiday season, officials said. CBP officers found bags, shirts, and pants bearing counterfeit logos including Gucci and Louis Vuitton at the Los Angeles Seaport on 9 November. The container of 13,586 items had been shipped from China and would have had a combined estimated retail price of \$30,437,775, CBP said.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Idaho – Vandals Defaced Tunnels Near Anne Frank Memorial with Anti-Semitic Graffiti

(U) Boise – Police say vandals painted anti-Semitic messages and symbols in tunnels near Idaho's Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial on Friday. The graffiti included anti-Semitic messaging targeting Jews, messages of hate against minority groups, and symbols including swastikas. Law enforcement officials are looking for whoever is responsible for the vandalism along the Greenbelt in Boise.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) New Jersey – Hackers Take \$196 Million from Cryptocurrency Exchange Bitmart

(U) Jersey City – Hackers have taken \$196 million from crypto trading platform Bitmart, a security firm said Saturday. Bitmart confirmed the hack in an official statement Saturday night, calling it “a large-scale security breach” and writing that hackers withdrew about \$150 million in assets. However, blockchain security and data analytics firm Peckshield estimates that the loss is closer to \$200 million. Bitmart added in a statement that all withdrawals had been suspended until further notice and said a thorough security review was underway.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [CNBC](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – Militants Kill at Least 31 People in Attack

(U) Songho – Militants killed at least 31 people in central Mali on Friday when they fired upon a bus ferrying people to a local market, local authorities said, the latest deadly attack in a region racked by violent insurgency. The bus was attacked by unidentified gunmen as it traveled its twice-weekly route from the village of Songho to a market in Bandiagara.

SOURCE: 4 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – US State Department Offers \$5 Million Reward for Stepson of CJNG Leader

(U) Guadalajara – The US Department of State is offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to the arrest of the stepson of Jalisco cartel leader Nemesio "El Mencho" Oseguera. According to the State Department, Juan Carlos Valencia Gonzalez, known by his alias "El R-3," is one of the alleged leaders of the Jalisco cartel or Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG). The State Department noted that the Jalisco New Generation Cartel is considered "to be the most violent drug trafficking organization currently operating in Mexico, with the highest cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine trafficking capacity."

SOURCE: 4 December 2021, [Latin Post](#)

(U) Niger – At Least 79 Militants and 29 Soldiers Killed in Attack

(U) Tillaberi – At least 79 militants and 29 soldiers were killed in a terrorist attack on the G5 military base in western Niger. Workers at the Viantou base in the Tillaberi region reported hundreds of unidentified armed assailants arrived on motorbikes. No party has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, but there are several armed groups active in Niger and other countries in the Sahel, some of which have pledged allegiance to al-Qa'ida and the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The G5 Joint Force was established in 2017 to reinforce the efforts of the Group of Five Sahel countries, Mauritania, Niger, Chad, Mali, and Burkina Faso, to achieve order in their common border areas.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [Sawah Press](#)

(U) Panama – Authorities Seize \$10 Million In Record Drug Bust

(U) Nueva Providencia – Panamanian authorities have seized a record haul of drug money, more than \$10 million in cash, in a crackdown on gangs linked to neighboring Colombia's embattled Gulf Clan. It took investigators more than 12-hours to add up the money using a dozen machines, the prosecutor's office said. The money was found in three different hiding places in a house in Nueva Providencia in the Caribbean province of Colon. The bust was part of a police operation that resulted in the arrest of 57 people this week with suspected links to the Gulf Clan, which has been weakened by the capture in Colombia of its leader and dozens of other members since last month.

SOURCE: 3 December 2021, [Channels Television](#)

(U) Philippines – Military Reports Killing New Leader of ISIS-Linked Group

(U) Jakarta – The new leader of an ISIS-linked terrorist group and four of his men were killed in a firefight with government troops in the southern Philippines. The clash erupted on in the town of Mamasapano in Maguindanao province. Troops recovered the bodies of Asim Karinda, alias Abu Azim, the new leader of the Daulah Islamiyah group, and four of his men after the firefight. Karinda, an alleged bomb maker, had taken over the leadership of the Daulah Islamiyah after its top commander was killed last month, the military said. The Daulah Islamiyah is one of the terrorist groups in the Philippines that are linked to the international terrorist group ISIS.

SOURCE: 4 December 2021, [The Star](#)

(U) Russia – Russia Planning Massive Military Offensive Against Ukraine

(U) Moscow – As tensions mount between Washington and Moscow over a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine, US intelligence has found the Kremlin is planning a multi-front offensive as soon as early next year involving up to 175,000 troops, according to US officials and an intelligence document obtained by the media. The Kremlin has been moving troops toward the border with Ukraine while demanding Washington guarantee that Ukraine will not join NATO and that the alliance will refrain from certain military activities in and around Ukrainian territory. The crisis has provoked fears of a renewed war on

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European soil and comes ahead of a planned virtual meeting next week between President Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

SOURCE: 3 December 2021, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Somalia – Bomb Blast in Restaurant Kills at Least Five People

(U) Awdhegle – At least five people including civilians were killed and more than six others wounded when a bomb blast went off at a busy restaurant in southern Somalia. The bomb blast took place in the vicinity of Awdhegle. Al-Shabaab, an al-Qa'ida-affiliated terrorist group based in the Horn of Africa country, claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it had targeted soldiers of the state and killed at least two.

SOURCE: 5 December 2021, [AA.com](#)

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